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COUNTY AUDITOR FOUND DEAD

Robert A. Greer of Bradford Found Lifeless In His Room at Hotel Imperial.

County Auditor, Robert A. Greer of Bradford was found dead in his room in the Hotel Imperial about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. There was no sign of a struggle and the supposition i sthat he was asphyxiated by gas fumes as fire was burning in a stove in the room and the windows were closed tightly.

Mr. Greer was last seen alive Monday night about 10:30 o'clock when he started for bed apparently in his usual good health and cheerfully bade other boarders at the hotel good night. He had attended the moving picture show that evening with several friends.

It seems that Mr. Greer on coming to Smethport this year to take up his duties as auditor made arrangements with the hotel management for a room that was to be let to no one else during his official work. He often went home without notifying the hotel people, nothing was thought of his absence until Wednesday morning when his door was found locked and Landlord Geary, B. F. Starsky, Frank Potter and Deputy Sheriff, C. C. Choate broke open the door and found Mr. Greer's lifeless remains. The coroner's office in Bradford was notified and acting under instructions from there the body was turned over to the care of H. H. Sasse.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. M. F. Greer, with whom he lived at No. 32 Kendall avenue, Bradford, one son, C. M. Greer of Buffalo, N. Y. three brothers, A. M. Greer, of Hartstown, Pa., Frank and George Greer of Bradford; and one sister Mrs. L. V. Hubbard of Kennedy street Bradford.

LETTER FROM LOUIS STERRETT.

The following interesting letter was received by Guy H. McCoy and which he kindly let us publish for the benefit of Mr. Sterrett's host of friends in this, and other places.

Co. C. 15th U. S. Eng.
February 12, 1918.

Mr. Guy McCoy.
Smethport, Penna.

My Dear Guy.

On December 26th I received your good letter of Nov 29, and a few days later the one of Dec. 3rd. and was very glad to hear from you again. Thanks for the enclosed addresses of Capt. Gillett. Bob Cleveland and Norman Simpkins. I have enjoyed reading the letter of Bishop Israel in the copy of the Diocese of Erie, and the things he says sound natural. His description of the French village is typical. He uses the word "quaint" which applies to so many places. "The ancient, low stone houses, narrow streets and the church and churchyard among the nestling houses." All is characteristic of so many villages. Some places there is a canal or river to add to the scene. I have enjoyed reading your letter which gives me ideas on many subjects as I could not get otherwise. I hops to hear when the other boys come over.

Since writing you last we have had a change of station. We are in barracks adjoining a small village and about four miles from a city of some importance. We continue to be well supplied with clothing, food and water—everything we need, and with plenty of fuel we are very comfortable in the barracks. The weather was very cold during Dec. with considerable snow but since the New Year it has been comparatively mild with lots of mud. We are mostly well and contented and in good spirits, and all are working hard.

Many things that have become daily scenes to us might be very interesting to you. There are fewer aeroplanes here than where we spent Oct. and Nov. but they have become so common that we scarcely stop to notice them. This is beautiful country everywhere we have been. Usually rolling or broken country with beautiful farms and excellent roads. The country is all well watered and there is lots of foliage everywhere. The railway coaches are mostly of the side door variety, each coach divided into compartments, each compartment having two long seats across the coach with a door opening into an aisle in the first—and second—class coaches and in the third-class coaches the door opens into the outside world. The tracks and rolling stock are in good condition and the trains nearly always on time. Freight cars are of about 20 tons gross. Cars weighing 7 to 10 tons and loading 8 to 15 tons. They look light and travel high with one pair of trucks under each end. Chain & hook couplers and large bumpers. The track is in fine shape, well ballasted, heavy rails—about 85 pounds.—The common means of transportation is a two-wheeled cart drawn by a single horse. This cart will vary in size from the one-seated market cart to the heavy hauling vehicle and will often carry as large a load as a fair sized wagon. The cart is loaded so as to balance in such a way as not to bear on the horse or tend to lift him off his feet.

There is little new. Iam thankful that I keep well. and am glad to have a letter from home whenever any of you can write. I cannot promise to continue writing letters. I may have to limit myself to the Field Service Cards but if I do write regularly remember I appreciate the letters and I am well in absence of news to the contrary.

Give my kindest regards to my friends in Smethport and assure all that we are well cared for and are doing our best.

Very truly yours.
LOUIS E. STERRETT.
First Sergeant, Co. C., 15th U. S. Eng's.

RED CROSS NOTES.

Two of the most flourishing groups of workers connected with the Smethport Chapter are those at Norwich and Betula. They are self-supporting and at the present time have over two hundred dollars in the treasury. The amount of work accomplished last month reflects great credit upon the workers and it is expected that this month's report will be even better.

The Publicity Committee takes great pleasure in publishing the report of the work accomplished by Norwich Branch during January.

10 pairs socks,
15 Sweaters.
7 pairs wristlets.
3 scarfs.
1 helmet.
11 pairs pajamas.
12 pairs surgical socks.
8 surgical shirts.
14 bandages.
2 slings.

Betula.

15 sweaters.
3 pairs socks.
4 scarfs.
1 pair wristlets.
2 surgical shirts.

Surgical Dressings.

There is now plenty of material on hand for the making of surgical dressings and all work along this line was resumed on Monday—the regular classes meeting as usual. Last week a rumor was current to the effect that the local chapter was to discontinue the making of surgical dressings. This rumor was absolutely without foundation and anoyne hearing it is asked to contradict the report.

The class which meets Wednesday night and which was organized primarily for business women is well attended and is doing excellent work. Any women or girl that cannot help with the surgical dressings during the day time is cordially invited to join this evening class.

A shipment of surgical dressings will be made the latter part of this week.

Next Shipment.

The regular monthly shipment of knitted articles and hospital garments will be made the later part of this week and any one having finished work is urged to bring or send the same to Headquarters at once.

Work Meetings.

Wednesday, February 27th, the ladies of St. Elizabeths church had twenty workers at their meeting and refreshments were served by Mrs. T. H. Purti and Mrs. Mary L. Bisett.

Yesterday, the meeting was well attended and the hostesses were Mrs. George Gerritt and Mrs. James Quirk.

On last Friday evening, there was a good attendance at the Red Cross meeting. The hostesses were Mrs. John Carlson, Mrs. Amandus Engstrom, Mrs. S. E. Bell, and Miss Tretton. At the meeting to-morrow evening, the hostesses will be Miss Margaret Sartwell, Mrs. William Pierotti, Mrs. J. Lee Eberly, and Mrs. Floyd Nichols.

At the D. A. R. Auxiliary meeting on Monday afternoon, there were over thirty in attendance and refreshments were served by Mrs. H. C. Wells, Miss Irma Wells, and Mrs. J. C. Backus.

Subscribe for the MINER.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Held Regular Monthly Meeting Monday Night and Transacted Important Business.

A regular meeting of the borough council was called to order by the president, Monday evening at eight o'clock.

The following members were present, Colegrove, Hackett, Hopper, Hull Garlick, Lindholm and Hungerford.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The following bills were read:

Holmes and Gilfillan, snowplowing $1.25
Chas. W. Musser, hardware. .... 3.19.
McKean County Miner, printing. 13.60
C. B. Dickinson, police duty, ... 70.00
John J. Hallstrom, street commissioner. 62.50
L. D. Gifford, labor. 1.50
Charles Keefer, labor, ... 1.50
B. T. Garlick, hardware, ... 8.14
Julius Hector, snowplowing, .. 4.50
L. Raymer labor, ... 12.00
E. C. Keenan, salary, ... 12.50

Moved by Hopper and seconded by Lindholm that bills as read be paid. Carried.

Letter from Standard Sign quoting prices on signs, read.

Bonds of C. B. Dickinson and John Clark were read.

Moved by Lindholm and seconded by Hackett that bonds be approved and filed. Carried.

Mr. Strong was present and complained of water coming on his property on account of poor ditch.

Moved by Lindholm and seconded by Hackett that street commissioner be instructed to plug up sluice way across King street at Long street until the situation has been investigated Carried.

Mr. Quirk was present and asked for permission to run a wire for electricity from his garage to restaurant building along alley.

Moved by Hopper and seconded by Hackett that we give Mr. Quirk permission to run a line for electric light from his garage to restaurant building along alley provided he secures permission from property owners. Carried.

Moved by Hackett and seconded that the P. S. and N. R. R. and K. R. R. be notified to repair crossing on Mechanic street. Carried.

Resolution offered by Mr. Garlick, whereas it is ascertained the assessed valuation of the borough of Smethport, Pa., for the year 1918 is

Occupation. $37055.00.
Real estate $481,364.00.
71 horses, $2900.00.
57 cows $855.00.
General total $522,674.00.

And it being further ascertained in addition to any surplus monies remaining over from the year 1917, that it will require the sum of $5,000 or thereabouts to pay current borough expenses.

Therefore, be it resolved that we levy a tax of 10 mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the borough for the year 1918 for borough current expenses.

This in addition to the annual pavement tax heretofore assessed and levied, viz., 7½ mills on the dollar valuation.

On calling the roll of the members of the council on the adoption of said resolution. the members all having voted in the affirmative, the president declared the resolution duly adopted and the secretary was directed to spread the resolution upon the minutes of the council.

Moved by Hackett and seconded that the secretary write for prices on mantles. Carried.

$28.00 received from burgess for fines.

$1.50 received form Dickinson for Board of Health bills.

Moved by Lindholm and seconded by Hackett that the president appoint a committe of two to examine and purchase wagons, suitable for use with tractor. Carried.

Committee Hackett and Garlick.

Moed by Hopper and seconded by Hackett that we adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p. m.

HOUSE FOR SALE.

House and lot 202 W. King Street. $3500.00. Possession May 15th. Act quick if you want one of the most desirable houses in Smethport at a bargain. J. C. Gallup. 11High street, Woodbury, N. J.

Several grades of Oleo from 30c to 37c per pound at Denning's Market Adv.8w3.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Marriage Licenses.

Feb. 26—Rev. J. Evans of Olean, N. Y., and Elisabeth Belle June of Fort Allegany.

Feb. 27—William S. Brenneman of Kane, Pa., and Geraldine Virginia Williams of Nansen, Pa.

March 1—William Goetz and Mabel Mary Stenson both of Bradford, Pa.

March 4—Ralph Taylor Zook and Imogene Lenffer both of Kane, Pa.

August Anderson of Ormsby, Pa. and Amanda Lonn of Smethport, Pa.

March 5—Emmet Cooper and Ira L. France both of Elmira, N. Y.

Deeds

Feb 26—Anders Harold Lundgren to Frank Lickson and wife, Kane, $40.

Thomas C. Riley and wife to Mary Welch, Eldred $600.

Feb. 27—Enos Grover and wife to F. B. Granteer, Norwich Twp. $1.

March 1—Iva L. Hastings to Ralph Smith, Ceres Twp. $850.

March 4—E. W. Jones Sheriff to H. W. Tracy, Bradford, $341.67.

E. W. Jones, Sheriff to George Stewart, and wife, Bradford, $3600.

E. W. Jones, Sheriff to Ernest W. Reitter, Wetmore, $2375.

E. W. Jones, Sheriff to W. E. Mangold, Port Allegany, $1230.

E. W. Jones, Sheriff to F. P. Husted, Port Allegany, $1410.

March 6—Katherine F. Matthews, and husband to Jennie May Brown et al, Bradford $1.

Katherine E. Schauer to Mary Mackesy, Bradford, $3600.

Howard Wile, et al to W. B. Miller, Foster, $675.

Assignment of Mortgage.

February 27—A. G. Phillips to Samuel Bloomster, Mt. Jewett, $600.

March 1.—Joseph A. Fargo, Exr. to J. Leonard Gates, Foster, $1000.

March 2—Lida McIntyre to Julius Goodman, Bradford, $600.

March 4—W. H. Bunce to Arthur E. Mather and wife Kane, $300.

Sam Battaglia to Joseph Battaglia, Kane, $600.

KNITTING CONTEST.

A great deal of interest is being shown by the participants in the sock knitting contest now being held at the parish house, under the direction of the D. A. R.

Mrs. D. M. Brasted and Mrs. Sarah Richmond being captains of the contest sides.

Each lady brings a picnic lunch, and hot coffee is furnished by the committee.

The contest is to last two days the ladies knitting from ten a. m. until four-thirty.

The sides turning to the largest number of pairs of socks wins the contest, the penalty for the loosing side is to give the winners a dinner.

ATTENTION LADIES

I have a beautiful line of samples for the new summer skirts, graduating gowns and all other wearing apparel. Call at 107 Mechanic street or phone 120J, Mrs. R. T. Lyle. tf.

BROKE LEG BY FALLING.

Mrs. Henry O. Gallup of Green street had the misfortion to fall and break her left leg about five inches above the knee, Monday, shortly after noon, as she was going to the chicken house to attend to her chickens.

Mrs. Gallup lay for some time in her helpless condition before being seen by Mrs. F. D. Gallup and daughter, Miss Marion Gallup, who hastened to her assistance and did what they could for her relief. Drs. H. L. McCoy and John Clark were immediately summoned and reduced the fracture.

Miss McGarvey of Kane is the attending nurse and late reports from her are, that Mrs. Gallup is resting quite comfortably and doing as well as can be expected.

AGRICULTURE LABOR SERVICE.

To the local Director, Dept. of Civilian Service and Labor.

I take pleasure in announcing that at the request of Mr. E. C. Felton, Director o fthe Department of Civilian Service and Labor of the Committee of Public Safety for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, his Excellency, Lieutenant-Governor Frank B. McClain will act as Chairman of the State Committee on Agriculture Labor Service.

This committee will be organized within the next few days and as soon as it is completed, you will be advised as to its personnel. Yours truly,

JOHN C. FRAZEE,
Vice Director in charge of Agricultural Labor Service. Department of Civilian Service and Labor.

—Try the MINER 14 weeks for 50c.

CAR STALLED ON RAILROAD CROSSING

Three men Narrowly Escaped Death When Automobile Was Struck by Shawmut Engine.

Dominick Cassilla and two friends from Betula had a narrow escape from death Sunday night when the car Cassilla was driving stalled on the Shawmut railroad track on Mechanic street.

The men had started for home at about 11 o'clock and in making the crossing dropped into a hole with the result that the car stalled there. A freight train was approaching and the men scarcely had time to jump when the engin struck the automobile and carried it 200 feet along the track where it landed in an extremely damaged condition. Two wheels were broken off and the body pretty thoroughly smashed. The car is being repaired at Quirk's garage.

FRIDAY'S BASKETBALL GAME.

For the basketball game played here last Friday night between the Bradford High School team and the team representing the local school there were 2 scores. The scorer's book shows that Smethport won by the score of 29-28 but the referee's decision gave the game to the visiting team by forfeit. It was all due to a misunderstanding as to the counting of a goal made by Howe on a "free-toss" the referee claiming that he signalled the scorer not to count the point thus made.

Outside the cloud of doubt surrounding the winner of the game, the contest was in many ways the best of the year. From the start it was apparent that the teams were evenly matched and that a hotly contested contest was to follow. Throughout the play was close and the guarding so tight that chances for free shots from the field were few and far between.

For the visitors the forwards, Riley and Vernon each furnished five baskets. Jones at center, was the only other Bradford man to score. Workley was high-scorer for Smethport with Hamilton a close second. Neither side furnished much talent in foul shooting.

The misunderstanding as to the score was not discovered until too late to finish the game properly. Immediately from the end of the time, the Smethport boys left the floor, thinking that they had won the game 29 to 28. As they were unable to appear upon the floor to continue the play within the three minutes allowed by the referee, the game was forfeited to Bradford. 2-0.

The local boys will play Ludlow Friday evening. This team defeated the local boys on the Ludlow floor earlier in the season, but since then the improvement i nthe play of the Smethport team more than justifies a belief that they will win. As this is the most expensive game of the season and the finances of the association are in a bad way the public is earnestly requested to furnish the support necessary.

The line-up follows:

Smethport		Bradford
Malcolm	f	Riley
Hamilton	f	Vernon
Workley.	c	Jones.
McCarthy	g	Stroup,
Howe	g	Bogart

Substitution—Oliver for Stroup.

Field goals—Malcolm 1, Hamilton 3, Howe 2, Workley 4, Riley 5. Vernon 5, Jones 1.

Score at end of first half—Bradford 15, Smethport 11.

Best Courses in Shorthand and Typewriting, with personal instruction. Also mail courses. Write for catalogue and full information. Expert Training School, Williamsport, Pa. adv6w8

FOR SALE OR RENT.

The H. W. Roeder farm at Farmers Valley is offered for sale or rent with the privilege of buying. Possession can be had March 1, 1918.

ELMER ROEDER,
R. R. ROEDER,
Administrators.
8w2

Wanted: Packing Straw by Sergeant Glass Co., Burrows, Pa. tf.

PARCEL POST SALE.

At the M. E. church Basement Monday evening March 11. Everyone is invited. adv 10w1.

Several grades of Oleo from 30c to 37c per pound at Denning's Market Adv.8w3.

MEETINGS FOR McKEAN COUNTY FARMERS.

It is a part of the work of the County Agent to meet with the farmers of the different communities about this time of year and discuss with them the most important subjects of the present season and their needs doing spring work, such as seeds, fertilizer, etc., Several meetings of this kind have been held in the county, but the following have been arranged for and the dates will be kept as far as is possible.

Some of the subjects to be discussed will be Manures, Fetrilizers, Cow testing Association work, Seed Corn, Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats, and one large mass meeting on production, which is that of Thursday, March 14th. at 2:00 p. m. at Smethport the main speaker being Mr. Phillips of Philadelphia. He is a man who has had wide experience and great knowledge on farming lines. He is being brought here under the auspices of the Public Safety Committee. At this meeting we would like to see farmers from all the different parts of the county.

The meetings in general are as follows.

Saturday, March 9th, 7:30 p. m. at Grange Hall, Farmers Valley, Pa.
Monday March 11th, 7:30 p. m. Grange Hall, LaFayette, Pa.
Wednesday, March 13th. 2:00 p. m. Grange Hall, Port Allegany.
Wednesday, March 13th, 7:30 p. m. I. O. O. F. Hall Eldred, Pa.
Thursday, March 14th 2.00 p. m., Court House, Smethport.
Thursday March 14th, 7:30 p. m. at Grange Hall, Turtle Point.
Wednesday, March 20th, 7.30 p. m., Grange Hall Wetmore, Pa.
Friday, March 22nd, 7:30 p. m. School House, Rixford, Pa.
Tuesday, March 26th; 7:30 p. m. Grange Hall, Port Allegany, Pa.
Wednesday, March 27th, 7:30 p. m. Dairyman's League, Bradford, Pa.
Thursday, March 28th, 8:00 p. m. Alliance Hall, Myrtle, Pa.
Tuesday, April 9th, 7:30 p. m., at Grange Hall at Mt. Jewett, Pa.

The meetings at Port Allegany, Eldred, Smethport and Turtle Point the 13th and 14th are meetings for the purpose of completing the Cow-testing Association which is to begin work about April 1st.

Come to these meetings with your troubles and bring your neighbors and their friends and their troubles and we will see what we can do.

Seed Spring Wheat.

The writer's experience with spring wheat in McKean County is not sufficient to urge spring wheat sowing and guarantee anyone a good crop. If, however with your own experience as well as your neighbors, you feel justified in sowing one or two acres of spring wheat, the writer is willing to do his best in securing the seed at actual cost for you. The County commissioners, and the Public Safety Committee co-operating with the writer on the part of financing the proposition will secure the seed wheat if it can be found for those who place orders. We must however, ask you to send your order to the Farm Bureau Office within the next few days if you feel that you care to try a small acreage this year.

P. S. CROSSMAN.

TOOK PRISONERS TO PITTSBURG

Sheriff E. W. Jones, accompanied by Thos H. Purtle and Mrs. A. L. Provin of East Smethport as matron in charge of Lena Baker, took four prisoners to Pittsburgh Saturday and one to the Pennsylvania Training School at Morganza. The prisoners included.

—Arch Turner, who pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for the killing of Edward Ralph, and was sentenced to not less than six years, nor more than seven years in the Western penitentiary.

Joe Murray and Chas. Gallagher, who pleaded guilty to being tramps were each sentenced to six months in the work house.

Lena Baker, who pleaded guilty to keeping a disorderly house, was sentenced to six months in the workhouse.

Merl Kelly was taken to Morganza. This boy who is 15 years old was before Judge Bouton at the December term on a charge of larceny and was placed on parole until the February term, when he was turned over to the court for sentence by his father.

Wanted—Will buy second-hand sewing machine in good running order. Inquire this office. adv9tf.

Several grades of Oleo from 30c to 37c per pound at Denning's Market. Adv.8w3.

SEASON FOR BREEDING GOATS

Some Does Show Inclination to Mate Much Later in Year Than Others —Periods Vary.

As a rule does begin to come in season in August or September and in rare instances in July. If they are not bred they come in season regularly about every 21 days, although in some does the number of days between

Flock of Angora Goats.

these periods varies, says Winthrop Howland in Farm and Home. These periods continue in unmated does until spring.

Some does show inclination to mate much later in the year than others, but after March a doe seldom comes in season until fall. Now and then a doe will come in season only once during the year. If she is known to have this peculiarity she should be bred at that time.

SERIOUS DISEASE OF CATTLE

Abortion Is More Widespread Than Most Farmers Think—Different Treatments Advocated.

A disease that is more widespread than most farmers think is contagious abortion of cattle. It is such an insidious disease that it gets a foothold in a herd of cattle before the owner is aware and then generally it is impossible to eradicate it without sacrificing the herd. A number of different treatments have been advocated but there is no sure cure, says Indiana Farm and Guide. Caution as to the condition of the breeding stock should be observed. Diseased animals of either sex should be shunned as the trouble is carried in this way. Other sources of the disease are contaminated feed and water, infected bedding, etc. When a cow aborts several times in succession or the several other members of the herd lose their calves, one should become suspicious and call in an experienced veterinarian.

STARTING FARM SHEEP FLOCK

Try to Buy One Breeder to Establish Uniformity—Breed From Strong Ramo.

When starting a farm flock try to buy of one breeder in order to establish uniformity, a sameness that is inbred, so to speak, that there will be no question of hereditary influence in carrying stability throughout the flock. Breed from rams of strong breeding proclivities, rams that have been bred in blood lines that will reproduce their strong and valuable characteristics. The adherence to purebred sires is a principle that should not be overlooked.

CARE OF HEALTH OF HORSES

Critical Eye Can Soon Discover When Animal Is Ailing—Some Drivers Are Careless.

A critical eye can soon tell by the dull eye, slow movements, hot breath or sinking of the head when a horse is sick. Do some drivers growl, "Oh, I can't stop for a little thing like that." They never examine the feet after a trip, to remove the wedged stone that hurts so, do not warm the bit on cold mornings, or put on blankets on bad days. They overload, hurry too fast, use too much whip-lash and fail to give the kind word and petting that lightens labor for the horse. The kindly used horse lives long.

PROTECTION FROM CUR DOGS

Every Sheep Owner Should Not Hesitate to Fill Stray Canine Full of Buckshot.

Sheep should be protected from dogs at night by putting them into the sheep barn or inclosing them in fine weather by a high barb-wire fence.

Every sheep owner who discovers a stray dog on his place should not hesitate to fill him full of buckshot. He is a trespasser and the law will not touch a man who kills him.

LIVE STOCK FARM ANIMALS

COLTS FOR GELDING TRADE

Excellent Plan to Mouth Them and Give Them Some Work During Spring and Summer.

Colts for the gelding trade want taking in hand early, and should be well grown and well done from their birth, so that at two years old they should be big and strong enough to do some work. It is an excellent plan to mouth them, and work them a bit during the spring and summer that they come two years old. They do not want working very hard, but a day or two at plow, harrow, or cultivator, and then a day or two at rest, and then at it again for a few days, and so on, gets them tractable, and it seems to expand their muscles and induce growth.

Then when the harvest time comes they can be turned off and run through the autumn and winter, receiving just a little grain and chaff through the hard part of the winter to keep them fit, and they will come up at springtime, as three-year-olds, fit to take their places in any job that it is thought fit to put them to.

It must be borne in mind that they should be taught to go anywhere and to do anything, so as to get accustomed to all kinds of work and noises as well. They must be taught to pull, and to back, and to stand still if required.

HORSE FEED AND PROTECTION

Two Important Winter Considerations, Says Dr. McCampbell of Kansas Agricultural College.

Feed and protection are the two important considerations in caring for work horses in winter, in the opinion of Dr. C. W. McCampbell, associate professor of animal husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"The work horse must be fed and protected in such a manner," said Doctor McCampbell, "that he will be in the best possible condition to stand the

Splendid Farm Team.

hard work of early spring. Feeds are high in price this year and there will be a tendency to cut down on the ration of the horse, but such a policy is poor economy. One should consider carefully the feeding value of the available grains and roughage.

"It is possible to make a considerable saving in the cost of feeds by combining the right feeds. In most parts of Kansas oats and cottonseed meal in proportions of about one to six will be desirable. One can utilize a large amount of good, bright, clean straw if a little alfalfa hay is available."

TO PREVENT STOMACH WORMS

Only Way to Rid Flock of Sheep of Internal Parasites Is Never to Have Them.

About the only way to rid a flock of sheep of stomach worms and other internal parasites is never to have them, and the only way to never have them, that we know of, is to run frequently as possible change pasture.

If a farm is so fenced that the sheep can have different fields and pastures in season to range over, and the old pastures can occasionally be plowed up, not only will big and clean crop yields result, but the flock is almost sure to be free from all internal parasites, healthy and vigorous.

SOFT CORN MADE PROFITABLE

One of Best Uses Is Feeding to Hogs and Steers, According to Nebraska Station.

One of the most profitable uses for soft corn will be in feeding hogs and steers, according to the department of animal husbandry of the University of Nebraska. One would be justified in feeding considerable protein supplement in conjunction.

Oil meal and cottonseed meal are relatively cheap taking into consideration the cost of good corn. Experiments have proved that they are worth more than their own weight in corn for feeding cattle.

BROOD SOW WINTER RATIONS

Corn, Tankage, Middlings and Ground Oats Recommended by Indiana Experiment Station.

Corn 50 parts and tankage 10 parts; corn 70 parts, middlings or ground oats 30 parts; corn 1 part, middlings 1 part and ground oats one part; corn 60 parts, bran 30 parts and oil meal 10 parts. All of these are excellent rations for breeding animals, especially for brood sows in winter.—Indiana Experiment Station.

SEPARATE BOAR FROM SOWS

Practice of Permitting Him to Run With Herd Is Frowned Upon by Many Swine Breeders.

The practice of letting the boar run with the sows is generally frowned upon by swine breeders. There are many reasons why the herd does better if the boar is kept separate. He worries the rest of the hogs as well as himself when he is with the herd. The waste and possible injury to the boar by too much breeding, if more than one sow comes in heat at the same time, is useless and can be avoided by keeping the boar alone and turning the sow in to him. This assists in keeping records. The owner knows when the sow was bred. Also knowing when she is due to farrow, he can be prepared for this event, which may be the cause of saving one or more pigs. Small litters as well as weak pigs are as often the direct results of letting the boar run with the sows as they are due to a poor brood sow. And to use a boar whose breeding powers have been impaired by unwise herd management is a financial loss to the owner.

RATIONS FOR YOUNG PORKERS

Concentrates Rich in Muscle and Bone-Making Material Needed for Thrifty Development.

Weaned pigs need good concentrates that are rich in muscle and bone-making material to insure thrifty development. Accustom them to their feed gradually, as overfeeding will readily produce scouring. From 10 to 12 days are essential in getting young pigs adjusted to the change. However, they should be fed lightly at least three times daily during this time.

The following rations are good for young pigs: (1) Skim milk and wheat middlings. (2) One part ground grain

Convenient Weaning Trough.

of some kind to two parts wheat middlings or rice meal. Ground oats and rice meal make a splendid mixture. Feed as indicated above with skim milk.

BEWARE OF GARGET IN EWES

Inflammation of Udder Is Common Trouble at Lambing Time and Needs Immediate Attention.

Garget, or inflammation of the ewe's udder, is a common trouble at lambing time, and it should be given immediate attention. The udders of heavy milking ewes are likely to become inflamed and as a result the ewes may have milk fever. Overfeeding of grain, colds, chills and lying on wet floors are some of the causes of this condition. When discovered, the ewe's udder should be bathed with hot water by means of wooden cloths. After the udder has been dried, it can be rubbed with turpentine and lard, or with one-half ounce of lead acetate dissolved in one quart of water. The udder should be kept wet with acetate for half a day. It should be milked out thoroughly each time the application is made. It is also advisable to give the ewe a good dose of Epsom salts as soon as the trouble is noticed.

SHEEP RELISH SWEET CLOVER

Care Must Be Taken to See That Pastures Are Not Overstocked—Yellow Variety Best.

Sheep relish sweet clover and make rapid gains when pastured on it. Care must be taken to see that pastures are not overstocked with sheep as they are likely to eat the plants so close to the ground as to kill them. This is especially true the first year before the plants have formed crown buds.

Yellow blossom sweet clover probably will not suffer from this cause as much as the white species, because the plants make a more spreading growth and are not likely to be eaten so closely to the ground.

RAM'S FEED DURING WINTER

Object Is to Carry Them Through Cold Weather Season as Cheaply as Is Possible.

In feeding rams during the winter season, the object is to feed them as cheaply as possible, but at the same time keep them in a thrifty condition. Oats, bran and meal may be relied upon to meet all the requirements of a grain ration.

The "Telegraph Touch"

By Ellis Lee

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Edson Worth was dreaming of Marie Duntley, when he should have been wide awake. Marie was the night operator at Wolf Springs, forty miles west, yet he felt as near to her as though she was the width of a partition beyond him. Edson had been at Merrivale in charge of the station for two years. He used to boast—and prove—that he could identify the sender of half a dozen ticks over the wire, through familiarity with the touch.

"It isn't the ticks, they are all the same, plain as the alphabet," Edson used to say. "But every operator has a touch essentially his own. It's like a mannerism in speech. It takes an expert to detect it. I call myself one. So, I always know who is talking."

Edson had been "talking" up to an hour previous, little snatches of greeting, snappy raillery, to greet responsive brief words that made Edson sure he was not indifferent to the bright, dainty little operator at Wolf Springs.

"Why, when Marie is on the wire, the first tick of the call sends a thrill through me. It's just as if our fingers met," Edson had told his sister once. "That must mean true love, hey, Maggie?" and Maggie had encouraged his conception with a smiling nod, and Edson was content.

He was all alone, and it was nearly midnight. He had slipped down in his chair into a comfort-seeking position, for routine stuff was out of the way, and there was nothing due on train detail under an hour, unless special orders came out. Usually Edson read or smoked to keep awake. His thoughts of fair Marie, however, lulled him into a hazy, pleasant thrall, and insensibly he glided into somnolency.

Edson was guilty of a fatal lack of diligence. If No. 27 on the North Branch was reported on time, he was to telegraph the bridge station at Woodville to hold 34 on the main until the branch train had cleared the bridge. Orders were due within the hour. For the hour and beyond it Edson slumbered. He awoke with a start. Such a thing had never happened before. His first glance was at the clock. He sprang to his feet, a white horror in his face, his body in a cold perspiration. Train 34 had passed eighty minutes agone, and he had not heard it, and—

"—met on the bridge. Both trains were late and must have disregarded signals. Casualties heavy and two coaches in the river, completely submerged."

A hand of ice seemed to seize his heart in a crushing grip, his brain reeled. Before his mental vision there passed a frightful picture of carnage and destruction. For the moment and for hours later Edson Worth was an insane, irresponsible creature of frantic unreason and impulse.

His first action was to close his ears to the monotonous drone of what he recognized as a fragment of a press dispatch. He dashed from the station like a being pursued by dreadful phantoms. That noon he had received his monthly salary and it was still intact in his pocket. He passed the cottage in which his sister lived, but only increased his reckless rate of speed. Its welcoming lights had no influence to lure him to shelter, to compassion, to safety!

Edson tore along the dark country road until, breathless, exhausted, he sank to the platform of a railroad depot on a line going north. A train came along within the hour. Edson entered its dimly lighted smoking car and crouched in the corner of its darkest seat.

"Where to?" challenged the conductor.

"Terminus," sounded hoarsely in the parched throat of the new passenger.

He paid the fare, knowing from the pretentious amount named that it was over two hundred miles ahead. One urging impulse directed him—to get as fast and as far from home and friends and all the world as speedily as possible.

The wilderness, the furthermost outposts of civilization seemed to beckon him on—he, an Ishmael, accursed of all mankind as a murderer! His crime crushed him. He would bury himself amid an obscurity barren of men and homes. He might not be able to forget, but he would meet with no familiar poignant reminders of what had been, what was never to be again.

The pioneer—it came to him like an inspiration at the end of the first stage of his journey he took another train, still headed north. Two roughly garbed men in a seat in front of him were discussing their plans and prospective destinations—a logging camp far over the Canadian border.

"They shall be my guides," he reflected. "Surely I can get work, and work may enable me in time to drive this awful dread and remorse from my guilty soul."

Certainly it was remote enough from civilization, the hermit spot he had chosen. Little danger of his identity or his crime penetrating this vast solitude of nature. When he arrived at the camp, the foreman of one of the logging gangs was glad to engage his services, for help was scarce that season.

Edson, as Mark Lane, was quartered in a rudely constructed hut with a mate, a lively genial young fellow about his own age. They messed at one of the big eating sheds, but slept in the ten-by-twelve shack with a narrow fireplace and some skins for bed covering. Ned Walters strove hard to break through the reserve of his mate. And at last he succeeded. Gradually Edson became so that he longed for and cherished the companionship. Ned Walters told of a wife and little child, whom he had been forced to leave to seek work where he could find it. He had landed up against the hard servitude of the logging camp. Once a month he sent to the nearest post office with the camp messenger his entire salary, to be forwarded to the loved ones at home. One day he sat reading and rereading a letter he had received from his wife. It seemed to oppress him greatly.

"Bad news," insinuated Edson in sympathetic inquiry.

"Pretty bad," responded Walters. "You see, our few sticks of furniture were mortgaged, and they are bringing the pressure of collection to bear. I can't send enough to run the house and release the debt."

"Will that help?" asked Edson, handing over his pay envelope.

"Yes, but—"

"Money is no use to me. I have no home, no friends to send it to," murmured Edson in a broken voice. "You are welcome to it, mate."

"It will be repaid, believe me that I!" cried Walters, overcome with relief and joy.

One month later Edson Worth was taken down with a two-weeks' spell of fever. Walters nursed him constantly. When Edson recovered, Walters informed him that a relative of his wife had come to the rescue of the family and had secured an opening for work for him back in his home city.

"You will receive back that money you so generously loaned me just as soon as I get my bearings," promised Walters.

It was pretty lonesome for Edson after this chance friend left him. Then one day he made a discovery that unsettled him greatly. On a strip of paper lying under the bed he observed pencilled notations, his own name, that of the station he had deserted and the name of Marie Duntley.

Edson tried to figure out the meaning of this. The handwriting was that of Walters. Suddenly his mind was illumined. In his fevered delirium he had bared all the story of the past, and Walters had it in mind to investigate it when he returned to civilization. No matter what kindly motive might impel him, there was danger of his setting the emissaries of the law upon his track.

Cowardly fear oppressed the forlorn refugee. He decided to leave the camp. The first sledge over to Warrenton, the nearest post, Edson as a passenger. There was no train for twenty-four hours. The little station was free to all. He slept upon one of its benches that night, got his breakfast outside and then sat down in the station again to wait for the train.

Edson helped. Only himself and the depot men were in evidence. He aroused at the sound of the clicking of the telegraph instrument. Then he sat bolt upright like one turned to stone, for the message came over the wires:

"At any expense learn at once if a man calling himself Mark Lane is still at the logging camp." And the sender of the message—oh! he could not mistake that peculiar telegraph touch—was Marie Duntley! His senses reeled, he doubted the evidence of reason. What could it mean? She, his love, the fond spirit of all his dreams way up here at land's end, and seeking him! Only love, loyal love, could bring about this situation. Edson staggered to the window of the little office.

"That wire," he spoke in an unsteady tone—"from Bassville?"

"Yes. What's the matter, friend?"

"I am the person inquired about. Wire back that I will be at Bassville on the next train."

What was he rushing into? Upon what vague menacing fate? What was he to meet? Marie, only Marie!

And for and regenerated love in her radiant face, she greeted him twelve hours later.

"My poor dear! my suffering, reckless late lover!" she sobbed. "Your friend, Mr. Walters, came to me and I left everything to bear to you the tidings of wonderful happiness."

"The wreck at the bridge—"

"Not Merrivale bridge, on our line, but one hundred miles away. You slept at your post and misconstrued it all. Close your eyes and put your face close to mine, heart of my heart, for whom I have pined and plod, and loved, and then a little prayer, a fervent word of gratitude, that the dark cloud of your life is lifted at last!"

Once Ruled Most of World.

For more than six centuries Arab domination was supreme in western Asia, northern Africa from the Upper Nile to the Black sea, over most of Spain and, for a time, a large part of France, as well as much of the Mediterranean coast, and from the Persian gulf to the Pyrenees. As Sidney Low has said: "The Ommeyad, Abbasid and Fatimite Caliphs were lords of Egypt, Tripoli, Morocco and Spain, of Syria and Cilicia, or Iran and Khorassan. Had they composed their dynastic quarrels and kept their rebellious emirs in order they might have mastered Italy and France, as well as turned St. Peter's into a mosque and set up Moslem doctors to expound the Koran at Oxford."

HEINZ ASKS HELP FROM FARMERS

Explains Aim of Food Administration in Message to Pennsylvania Farmers.

WELCOMES CRITICISM

Philadelphia, Feb. 26. — Howard Heinz, Federal Food Administrator of Pennsylvania has announced the appointment of Chester J. Tyson, of Floradale, Adams county, and Morris T. Phillips, of Pomeroy, Chester county, as farmers' representatives in the Food Administration and the Food Supply Department of the Committee of Public Safety.

In a message to the farmers of Pennsylvania, in which he outlines the policy of the new appointees, Mr. Tyson said:

"We are called upon to grow more food this year than ever, although with less help and with increased expenses. Sometimes we feel that we are called upon to do this without promise of adequate reward. If these difficulties are real, let us consider them as our personal enemies, and let us meet them one at a time and overthrow them as our part in this world's struggle. Let us prove to the world what we already know to be true—that no more loyal and patriotic citizens exist than the farmers of Pennsylvania.

"The Food Administration realizes the difficulties confronting the farmers and it stands ready to help and encourage them in any way possible. We invite you to bring to us your real troubles and to forget your minor ones. The Food Administration asks you to remember that times and conditions are abnormal. To meet these conditions it will become necessary to enforce rules and regulations which in some instances may seem foolish and at first glance unjust. Do not condemn, but help us with your counsel and advice to avoid other mistakes."

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Tyson will have to aid in eventually the farmers' problems and their difficulties which will be given careful consideration by the Food Administration in all matters of regulation which may be projected. The administration desires farmers to understand that it is open to suggestions, criticism, question and correspondence of any sort relating to product, marketing and all other farm problems.

In appointing farmers' representatives, Mr. Heinz stated that these representatives will not constitute a new office for the development of agriculture, but rather that they will supplement the operations of existing agencies, including the State Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Extension Work of Pennsylvania State College, the County Farm Bureaus, the State Grange and similar organizations, by working in close cooperation with them.

Mr. Phillips is a dairy farmer and a large grower of corn and alfalfa. He was a member of the recent Tri-State Milk Conference and is now identified with the Agricultural Commission of Penn[illegible] grain, hay and [illegible] he has for the past [illegible] years operated one of the largest apple orchards in Pennsylvania. He served as president of the State Horticultural Association and is now chairman of its legislative committee. Mr. Tyson is a trustee of the Pennsylvania State College and a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Agriculture of that institution.

Both Mr. Phillips and Mr. Tyson are farmers by birth and training and their experience as such fits them in a position to understand and sympathize keenly with the difficulties of the small farmer, and to appreciate the consideration due large and successful growers.

Mr. Tyson and Mr. Phillips in assuming their new responsibilities are compelled to lay aside their business and sacrifice their time to the cause of food production. They enter the Service of the Food Administration with the full realization that the very best effort of every loyal farmer is essential to the production and conservation of food, and that grain, wheat, oats, beef, pork, mutton and wool, milk and eggs, the products of Pennsylvania farms, are necessities which the country must have, not only to feed its armies, but to relieve actual suffering and possible starvation at home and in the allied countries.

Woman War Leader.

Winema, otherwise known as Toby Riddle, is probably the only North American woman who ever led warriors into battle. In the war between the Modocs and the Pitt River (California) Indians many years ago, this dauntless Indian maid, who had previously received the title of Kuitchkona Winema (sub-chief) when she fearlessly guided her canoe through the rushing waters of Link River and saved the lives of two children, assumed command of the Modocs when that band's leader was shot down. Mounted on her war horse, she rushed to the head of her Indian column and led a brilliant cavalry charge which resulted in a complete victory over the Pitt River tribe.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—B. T. Garlick has an interesting change of advertisement in this issue of the MINER.

—Masser Brothers hae an interesting change of advertisement this week in regard to spring coats, skirts and dresses.

—M. S. Geary has an interesting advertisement in this issue of the MINER to which we wish to call your attention.

—The Coonnada Camp Fire Girls enjoyed a covered dish supper Tuesday evening in their rooms in the M. E. church. The evening was spent in sewing for Belgium orphans.

UNITY IN FILIPINO TRIBES

Recent "Maulud" Held in Department of Mindanao and Sulu Was Evidence of Existing Harmony.

Commenting on the prevalent belief that the islands need a speed nationalization of the different sections and a rooting out of sectional and tribal feeling, the Philippine Review says editorially:

"While as a matter of fact we have to acknowledge that sectional feeling seemingly exists in the islands, its existence is not of basic character. For the elements of unity are in actual existence, and sectional feeling will only seemingly last while no actual intercourse between the sectional groups of the islands takes place. It is, therefore, but a matter of common education or educational intercourse, not real lack of spirit of nationality; and with the present government efforts to provide the people with good popular education, this so-called lack of national spirit will shortly be overcome."

Perhaps no better evidence of the harmony existing among different tribes and factions could be offered the skeptic than the recent "Maulud" held in the department of Mindanao and Sulu. The Maulud corresponds to the Christian Christmas, being the celebration of the birth of Mohammed. It consists in ceremonies lasting two days during which there is much feasting and chanting by "imams" (priests) and lady singers.

The last Maulud was celebrated at the residence of the governor of Sulu. All the chiefs and every other Mohammedan of prominence, 100 imams, 30 lady singers, 3,000 Mohammedans, the government officials, and all the civilians of any distinction attended the monster feast. Mohammedans and Christians, Americans and Filipinos, dressed in beautiful Moro costumes, forgot their religious, social and political differences, and threw themselves heart and soul into the celebration of this greatest of Mohammedan fiestas. No one could have witnessed the scene without being convinced of the oneness of the Mohammedan and Christian Filipinos, and the hearty good feeling between Americans and Filipinos.

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DRY FEDERATION PLANNING FIGHT AGAINST BOOZE

Leading Men of State Will Make Effort To Elect Dry Legislature

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 6, 1918.—The state convention of the Dry Federation of Pennsylvania, called to meet in this city in the Chestnut Street Auditorium, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., February 14th—St. Valentine's Day—is arousing widespread political interest throughout the state. The fact that large numbers of dry sympathizers in the old line parties have arranged separate party caucuses during the convention to line up the Republicans and Democrats of the state for the dry legislative candidates in the May primaries is attracting much attention from the politicians. The Dry Federation is described as an inter-party or pan-party organization and is claimed by its supporters to be made up of all political elements throughout the state. The moral issue of temperance is laid aside, so prominent Federation workers claim, and all effort is being concentrated on making the fight for adoption of the national prohibition amendment in Pennsylvania along economic, political and war measure lines rather than as a matter of moral significance. The result will be, according to John Royal Harris, state superintendent of the Dry Federation, that leading business men, manufacturers, workmen and labor leaders throughout the state, as well as prominent politicians of all parties will attend the convention here on St. Valentine's Day and inaugurate a great drive to put Pennsylvania in the dry column at the next session of the legislature. Dr. Harris said today:

"Pennsylvania was never before so thoroughly organized for a dry fight. We are going to elect a dry majority in the next legislature and in 1919 put Pennsylvania among the 36 states necessary to adopt the national prohibition amendment.

"Sentiment throughout the state is rapidly crystalizing in favor of nation-wide prohibition," he said, "and I find as I go about through the various counties that all elements interested in the cause of temperance are rapidly lining up behind the Dry Federation.

One of the powerful factors back of us are the Pennsylvania manufacturers and coal operators. Hundreds of executive heads of big enterprises and large mining operations in both the anthracite and bituminous fields have promised us their unflagging support to help make this state dry and protect our industrial and mine workers from the evil effects of intemperance and insure a greater concentration of effort toward winning the war."

Prominent men who have been invited to attend the convention and address it are Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, Frank Hanley, former governor of Indiana; Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, the Hon. Vance C. McCormick, the Hon. M. Clyde Kelly, member of Congress; Lex N. Mitchell, member of the state legislature, and several heads of state departments.

The convention will adopt a platform and elect state officers and transact other business incidental to its work.

GRAIN NEEDED TO FEED OUR ALLIES

America Cheerfully Sacrificing Food---Breweries Should Be Shut Down

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 6, 1918.—The Hon. William E. Porter, former Judge of Lawrence County, president of the Dry Federation of Pennsylvania, which holds its state convention in this city on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, to organize the fight to put Pennsylvania among the 36 states supporting the Prohibition amendment to the constitution of the United States, sees within the next few weeks a great clamor from the public for nation-wide Prohibition because of the diversion of grain to alcoholic beverages which is sorely needed to supply the tables of our people and our Allies.

"The American people are the most obedient to discipline of any peoples in the world," Judge Porter said, "and have cheerfully put themselves on a voluntary ration at the mere suggestion of the government, without the passing of or enforcing of any laws. No other country in the world war presents a spectacle of a public so willingly and cheerfully acquiescing in voluntary self restraint and deprivation of common necessities on the mere plea that it must be done to 'win the war.' That is the splendid democratic spirit of the American people. But—and this is a most significant 'but'—when these same people begin to realize that although these self sacrifices are made and their children are put on sleader rations and obliged to use grains for food which are inferior to wheat, still the brewing business goes on with its annual consumption of enough food stuffs to feed a nation, then there will be an awakening which I firmly believe will drive the last vestige of the liquor business out of America for ever. Already there are abundant signs that the public is figuring out this problem and commencing to get angry."

FLASHLIGHTS

A married man may not know much about a furnace, but he does know that it is something that requires his immediate attention the moment he has comfortably settled himself to read a book.

It's a poor sort of patriotism that needs a casualty list to stir it up.

The husband who is temporarily in his wife's bad graces wonders how polygamy ever got started.

We'd rather spoil a child than treat him the way some people do.

Keep Track of Expenses.

It's a good thing to keep right account of the expenditures. Some business concerns have a cost account for every line of the business. This avoids that consuming, non-responsible guff called general expense or sundries. It makes every head of department responsible for every penny used. It's not tightness, it's just business. And when you know that every item is down for accounting you are not likely to be careless in your expenditures. When you take the time to look over expenses carefully before you make them, fewer entries will be made. It's the unwatched outgo that puts the drain on the family purse.—Exchange.

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MANY PUT TRUST IN THE UNKNOWN

Never Satisfied With Those Things With Which They Are Familiar.

INCLINED TO TAKE CHANCE

Curious Traits in Human Nature Have Made Possible Growth and Development of the Great Mail Order Houses.

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A curious trait in human nature makes itself apparent very frequently. That is an inclination to trust in the unknown rather than in that with which one is familiar. A person is very apt to take a chance, even though he may know that the odds are 100 to one against him, instead of being satisfied with lesser rewards about which there is no possibility of doubt.

It is, possibly, the flaring up of the ever-present gambling instinct but there is something more in it than that. There is in it the unexplained tendency on the part of most people to reach for the chimerical and ignore the tangible and substantial thing which is near at hand. Man is seldom satisfied with those things that are within his grasp but is reaching always for the unattainable. Too often, he loses that which he might easily gain by blindly pursuing that which is always just out of his reach.

Why "Con" Man Thrives.

Coupled, in a way, with his faith in the unknown is the tendency on the part of so many people to place confidence in a stranger in preference to one who is known and has been tried and proven. It is this tendency which makes possible the operations of the "con" man, the get-rich-quick artist, the unscrupulous promoter and the salesman of worthless mining stocks. The man who would not think of trusting Bill Jones, his next-door neighbor and fellow church member, will confidingly turn over his life's savings to a stranger who unfolds a tale of riches to be won. Bill Jones might talk his head off in behalf of a legitimate proposition without getting a dollar where the slick stranger with the worthless proposition can get thousands.

It is these two tendencies which, apparently, are so widely prevalent among all classes of people that have made possible the success of the great mail order houses in the big cities. A knowledge of psychology is as important to the mail order man as a knowledge of business practices. He plays upon these tendencies of man to take a chance, to trust in the unknown rather than the known, to place confidence in the stranger rather than the friend.

Hope to Draw Prize.

Those who buy merchandise from a mail order house are moved partly, whether they realize it or not, by that trait in their nature which prompts them to trust in the unknown rather than in that with which they are familiar. They are hoping, it may be unconsciously, that they will draw a prize. They do not know what they will get, for it is impossible for one to know what he is going to get when he orders merchandise from a picture and a highly colored description in a catalogue. He is taking a chance on the unknown.

Buying merchandise from the local merchant, on the other hand, contains none of these elements of chance that enter into the dealings with the mail order house. When one buys a stove from the hardware store in his home town, he may get none of the thrills that come from taking a chance but he will get a stove that will last longer and keep him warmer than the one that he might get from the mail order house and to the average individual, these things are likely to be more important than the thrills.

Using Your Eyes.

When you buy from the local merchant you see the thing that you are buying, you inspect it carefully, examine the workmanship and the quality of the material of which it is made and in many cases you have the privilege of testing it before paying for it. You have not only your own eyes and knowledge of values to rely upon, but you have the advantage of the advice of the merchant who has an expert knowledge of the merchandise which he is selling and who, in 99 cases out of 100, can be relied upon to tell the truth about it. Then you have the guarantee that is backed not only by the retail merchant, but in many cases by the manufacturer. If the article which you buy does not prove satisfactory after it is given a fair test, you can take it back to the store where you bought it, in most cases, and get your money back. The retailer may get his money back from the manufacturer but if he doesn't, he stands the loss. In any event, you are protected.

Why a person will place his confidence in a stranger rather than a friend or will trust in the unknown rather than in that which is tangible, is something that is hard to understand. Even the mail order house does not pretend to know why it is so but it accepts conditions as it finds them and makes the most of the opportunities that they offer.

The man who believes all he says doesn't always say all he believes.

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Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo issued a plea to the people of the country to save money and buy War Savings stamps, and then send a 469-word telegram to each of the 29,750 banks and trust companies in the United States This meant the telegraphing of a total of more than thirteen and a half million words. The telegram was a circular announcement regarding the next issue of treasury certificates and the next liberty loan. To the ordinary citizen, there appears to be nothing in the telegram that could not have waited for mail transmission. But perhaps it was deemed important to impress the bankers with the activities of Mr. McAdoo. Farmers must not kill heifer calves even if the feed costs more than the calf will be worth. Farmers' wives must not kill fat hens even though the hens will not lay nor put on any more weight. But the communications of the Secretary of the Treasury must be sent by telegraph, even when they could as well go by mail.

Ordinarily the Canadian duty on tractors is 17½ per cent, on cattle, 25 per cent. These duties have been suspended for a brief period, the need for increased production being given as a reason, but they will be again put into operation as soon as possible. The report of this action says that "the decision was reached after lengthy consideration by the Cabinet Council." But the Democrats did not accord a lengthy consideration to the proposition to put cattle and agricultural machinery on the free list in the present tariff law, where they will remain until Republicans are given a chance to revise the law.

An urgent appeal to the people of Pennsylvania to eat potatoes and help win the war has been made by the food commission. A survey has been made by representatives o fthe farmers in the administration and there is every indication that immediate consumption is necessary to save the crop. Last year's potato crop was the biggest in the history of the country and from every section comes report of a potato surplus that must be eaten in order to save them. Housekeepers are urged to double the amount of potatoes used for the next 30 days which will also take the place of much wheat that can be exported to our allies.

From Washington comes the news that Wilson and Carranza have reached an understanding. The essential feature of the agreement is that the United States is to make an advance of several million dollars to Carranza. In other words, Carranza, having been in the market for some time, has at least got his price. Is he worth it? His fulsome telegram of congratulations to the Kaiser on the latter's birthday would indicate that he is a good auctioneer, at any rate.

The President's widely advertised conferences with Senate leaders of both parties have failed to materialize in such fashion as their heralding indicated. Nor has he shown any disposition that the meetings, such as they are, shall be real conferences. He has seen few—only one, as we recall—from the Republican side of the Chamber; and he has shown no disposition to relax his pursuit of unlimited power as provided in the Overman bill. Mr. Wilson is a tenacious man, but he may overdo it.

That Japan is in a position to render great help to the allied cause is becoming more apparent every day. The proposal to send Japan troops to the aid of the Bolshevik government looks like a very encouraging feature to block Germany's plan of taking over the best part of the Russian Empire.

Remember every minute that food counts. Try and obey the Food Administration's orders. They are made for the common good and no matter how irkrome should be respected.

Keep your war garden in mind. Every person who can secure a piece of ground should see that it is cultivated and cared for and made to produce food this coming summer.

The selection of Mr. Will H. Hays, of Indiana, as the chairman of the Republican National Committee, has caused great distress in Democratic circles. The leading Democratic newspapers of the United States are very much dissatisfied with his election, and they are particularly annoyed at the harmony which prevailed at the session of the Republican National Committee. The Democratic leaders shake their heads mysteriously and say there must be a reason for this unlooked-for state of affairs.. The new chairman hasbeen placed under the microscope, but they find no flaws in his personality of his past. The critics divide the committee into groups and endeavor to imagine why they acted as they did under the circumstances. But to any clear-headed, disinterested person the reason for the selection is as plain as the nose on a man's face. Mr. Hayes was selected as the chairman of the committee because the Republican leaders want to carry the elections this year. If there is any lingering doubt about this it will be dispelled by the frank interview which Senator Borah has given to the newspaper men. The Senator says that Mr. Hays can neither be classified as a progressive nor as a so-called reactionary. He is a regular, with broad views of the rights of all the members of his party. "I will tell you why Mr. Hays was elected to the chairmanship," says the Senator. "He was elected because he was the best man for the place. He is a splendid organizer, and he has liberal views. His election will stimulate all of the party because they believe that he will unselfishly devote his time and talents to the Republican Party." The man who commands the commendation of Colonel Roosevelt, Mr. Taft and Mr. Hughes at one and the same time must have the qualities which are needed by the Republican Party at this time. The expression of opinion which have come from party leaders in all sections of the country since the selection of Mr. Hays only tend to confirm the wisdom of the committeemen in making this happy choice. Evidently the party is in a better position today than it has been at any time since the unfortunate difference of opinion in 1912.

A thousand girls, Canadians, have been imported from across the border to aid in grinding out Liberty motors to aid in sweeping Kaiserism out of the air, it became known yesterday, when agents of the Union Switch & Signal Company, Swissvale, subsidiary of the Westinghouse Airbrake Company, and biggest motor manufactory in the Pittsburgh section, started scoring Swissvale, Rankin, Braddock, Wilkinsburg and other suburbs in search of suitable lodging places for the girls. Spare school rooms, portions of churches, hotels, private residences and bunk houses ar being considered as suitable housing places for the girls. The plant expects to turn out 600 motors monthly.

"I am a strong believer in the editorial column, and would earnestly urge every editor to write editorials, through which he may give vent to his ideas on local, community, state and national affairs," says the president of a State editorial association. "It seems to me that while the logical and county news is the heart of the rural press, the editorial column is its backbone. Personally, I care no more for an exchange without editorials than I do for an almanac of the vintage of 1888. Without editorial utterance, there is nothing there that interests, and the average country paper becomes but a vendor of small gossip and a retailer of things hardly worth while."

John Redmond, Irish leader, died in London Wednesday following an operation to which he submitted last Saturday. At the time the surgeon stated that the operation was of serious nature, but that Redmond faced the ordeal with courage. Heart failure resulted in sudden death. A few minutes earlier it appeared that the condition of Redmond was favorable for his recovery.. In the death of Redmond, Ireland loses the conspicuous leader of the fight for freedom waged during the last 20 years. With the breaking of the war with Germany, Redmond took a firm stand in support of the British government and he was loyal to the end.

Arrest of a well-known St. Marys man on a charge of sedition was made Tuesday afternoon and hearing was scheduled for Wednesday. Government agents have been active in the community at various times. The town's record of support of the Red Cross and various war activities and the number of men in service testify to the loyalty of the great majority of the citizens of German descent. Feeling in the town runs high as result of the arrest as condemnation of un-Americanism is strong.

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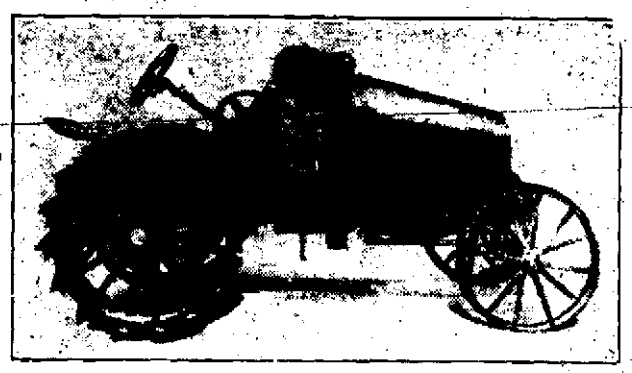

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Smethport, Pa., Thursday March 7.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—E. N. Smith is dangerously ill at his room in the Grand Central hotel.

—Mrs. Nina Rumse has been confined to her room for the past week by illness.

—Archie Mencer entered the Bradford hospital yesterday where he will receive treatment for his ankle.

—The Grange National Bank have a ninteresting change of advertisement in this issue. Be sure and read it.

—Thomas Dunn left last week for Fort Slocum, N. Y., where he enlisted Monday February 25, in the aviation section.

—Ed Wendel a former well known resident of this place, but late of Westfield, N. Y., has enlisted and is now stationed at Camp Devner, Mass.

—The 1918 knitting club met with Mrs. Elmer Heath Tuesday afternoon of last week. A strictly Hoover supper was served at six o'clock, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

—Sheridan Gorton who has been confined to his home on King street by illness is improving and now able to be out.

—Mrs. F. H. Nourse was in Bradford Saturday to visit her daughter, Lois, who had been a surgical patient at the hospital. Miss Nourse returned home with her mother.

—W. H. Farnham who has been confined to his rooms at S. R. Lindaleys for the past week is much better and now able to attend to his dutys at his office.

—Mrs. M. Erhart of Kane is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Sidney A. Burdick. Mrs. Erhart is packing her household goods for removal to Kane where Mr. Erhart has engaged in the grocery business.

—The W. C. T. U. will meet at Red Cross Headquarters Tuesday at one o'clock and spend the afternoon doing Red Cross work, members are urged to be present. On Thursday afternoon, March 14th, there will be a W. C. T. U. meeting at the Baptist church in preparation for the meeting of the Dry Federation.

—Mrs. Raymond Fay entertained the Kensington Club at her home on King street last evening.

—If you delay buying you may not be able to get what you want later on, at any price therefore read Monheimer's timely ad. in to-days paper.

—The 500 Club met at the home of Mrs. Lellie T. Colegrove Tuesday evening. Elegant refreshments were served and Mrs. Colegrove was elected president of the 500 Club.

—Mrs. J. Lee Eberly entertained a party of ladies at her home on Church street last eening. The evening was spent at knitting and an elegant lunch was served by the hostess.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. W. B. Hopper was a Bradford visitor Monday and Tuesday.

George Howard of Tulsa, Okla. is a Smethport visitor this week.

Miss Adelaide Gallagher spent the week-end at her home in Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Camp returned last week from Huntington, W. Va.

J. M. Hilton of Bradford was a Smethport business visitor this week.

Hon. R. W. Hilton has returned from a weeks stay in Washington, D. C.

Miss Dorothy Eastman was an Olean visitor last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Viola Badger and Miss Mary Cody were Eldred business visitors yesterday.

S. W. Smith of Port Allegany was a Smethport business visitor last Thursday.

Mrs. E. R. Braden of Clarington, Pa., is visiting her mother Mrs. J. C. Cunningham.

Ernest Barnard of Eldred was a guest of friends in this place Tuesday evening.

Victor Engstrom returned Monday from a short visit with relatives and friends in Buffalo.

Mrs. Francis Tormey of Portville, N. Y., was the guest of Miss Gertrude Cooper, yesterday.

T. H. Purtle is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Reily and family at their home in Coraopolis, Pa.

Miss Gertrude Cooper spent Sunday at her home in Portville, N. Y., with her mother, Mrs. Flora Cooper.

Mrs. Mary L. Bisett left Tuesday for New York city where she will purchase goods for the Bisett shop.

Miss Helen McGowan spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McGowan at Crosby.

Mrs. Fred Dikel and Mrs. L. Scowden of Farmers Valley were pleasant callers at this office Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Bell returned last Thursday from a visit with her son Donovan Bell and Mrs. Bell in Bradford.

Miss Grace Kerr, a student of Westbrooks Academy, Olean spent the week-end at her home in this place.

Mrs. Isabella Eagan and Mrs. George Kerr, spent the week end in Olean, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank [illegible].

Miss Marion Gallup was home from [illegible], N. Y. and spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gallup.

Mrs. Margaret A. Knapp left Tuesday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. [illegible] Lewis and Mrs. L. A. Gibson at Rochester, N. Y.

Jacob Arend of Clermont was a Smethport visitor last Thursday and during his stay in town was a pleasant caller at this office.

Mrs. Ruth Conner who teaches school at Ludlow spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oviatt at Farmers Valley.

W. H. Iswalt of Franklin, Pa., visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bosworth, from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Alene Emerson and Miss Winifred Clark left Saturday for a visit with the Misses Bessie and Esther Engstrom in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Margaret Barker entertained Miss Marion Holbrook, Miss Dorothy Robbins and Miss Marjorie Davis of Bradford Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richards and daughter, Nancy, returned to their home in Kushequa, Pa., after a short visit with Mrs. Richard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Colegrove.

POLICE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

Lodgers,	6.
Arrests,	7.
Convictions,	7.
Prisoners Discharged,	0.
Suspended Sentence,	0.
Doors Unlocked,	3.
Out of town calls,	5.
Private Calls,	2.
Overheated Stoves,	4.
Inquiries from other Depts.	38.
General Police conditions,	Good.

Very truly yours.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our late bereavement also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDowell and family.

RED CROSS NOTES.

Money Donated to the Crosby Auxiliary of Red Cross For Feb.

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H. G. German,	5.00
Carl Benson,	1.00
J. H. Bloomster,	1.00
Oscar Anderson,	1.00
Fred Bloomster,	1.00
Francis Benson,	1.00
Milford Lathorpe,	1.00
Clayton Timmerman,	1.00
Geo. Lathrope,	1.00
Edmond Whitelaw,	1.00
Earl Manwaring,	1.00
Harry McDade,	.50
C. A. McGowan,	1.00
W. H. Gallup,	10.00
Geo. F. Bayer,	2.00
S. L. Winslow,	1.00
John Berg,	1.00
Wm. Hendrickson,	1.00
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Dan McCurdy,	1.00
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W. C. Cleveland,	1.00
M. Dowbles,	1.00
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Harry J. Tinnerman,	1.00
J. W. Chandlerr,	1.00
James Dunn,	1.00
George McCullum,	1.00
Sam Hendrickson,	1.00
F. B. Grantler,	.50
C. M. Benson,	1.00
Mrs. B. W. Heinemann,	5.00
J. A. Cleveland,	1.00
W. H. Edmunds,	1.00
Frank Bloomster,	1.00
N. A. Emig,	.50
Herman Lord,	1.00
L. Herzog,	1.00
J. McGee,	1.00
B. Peterson,	1.00
Mr. McCurdy,	2.00
E. Pixley,	1.00
H. Lathrop Sr.	1.00
W. A. Hewlett,	.50
Grace Winslow,	1.00
Total,	$72.00

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

We the members of McKean Chapter D. A. R. take this opportunity to place on record our high appreciation of our charter member and friend, Helen Forrest Mitchell, who was suddenly called home February, 19, 1918. She had a peculiar genius for friendship, gifted with an understanding of human nature and was able to carry comfort and health wherever there was need. Old folks and little children as well as her own contemporaries yield easily to the charm of her manner.

We her friends and fellow members of McKean Chapter, D. A. R. desire to express our deep sorrow in losing her, and our gratitude to God for giving us so admirable a christian example.

With our Heavenly Father whom she served with a pure heart and utter devotion we leave our friend and sister.

To her husband and sons, her father, mother and sister we extend a sympathy made keen by the sense of our own bereavement.

Her memory we shall cherish, her life and example will continue to stimulate us through out our lives, her life and example will continue Ideal Christian worker, friend farewell, "until the day break and flee away."

ThinK upon her, O My God, for good, according to all that she hath done for thy church and people here below.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Fired by the news of the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine, Arthur Guy Empey, an American, leaves his office in Jersey City and goes to England where he enlists in the British army.

CHAPTER II—After a period of training, Empey volunteers for immediate service and soon finds himself in rest billets "somewhere in France," where he first makes the acquaintance of the ever-present "cootie."

CHAPTER III—Empey attends his first church services at the front while a German Fokker circles over the congregation.

CHAPTER IV—Empey's command goes into the front-line trenches and is under fire for the first time.

CHAPTER V—Empey learns to adopt the motto of the British Tommy, "If you are going to get it, you'll get it, so never worry."

CHAPTER VI—Back in rest billets, Empey gets his first experience as a mess orderly.

CHAPTER VII—Empey learns how the British soldiers are fed.

CHAPTER VIII—Back in the front-line trench, Empey sees his first friend of the trenches "go West."

CHAPTER IX—Empey makes his first visit to a dugout in "Suicide Ditch."

CHAPTER X—Empey learns what constitutes a "day's work" in the front-line trench.

CHAPTER XI—Empey goes "over the top" for the first time in a charge on the German trenches and is wounded by a bayonet thrust.

CHAPTER XII—Empey joins the "suicide club" as the bombing squad is called.

CHAPTER XIII—Each Tommy gets an official bath.

CHAPTER XIV—Empey helps dig an advanced trench under German fire.

CHAPTER XV—On "listening post" in No Man's Land.

CHAPTER XVI—Two artillerymen "put one over" on Old Pepper, their regimental commander.

CHAPTER XVII—Empey has narrow escape while on [illegible] in No Man's Land.

CHAPTER XVIII—[illegible] Empey writes a [illegible]

CHAPTER XIX—[illegible] ways to amuse themselves [illegible] own."

CHAPTER XX—Empey [illegible] machine gun [illegible] the front-line trenches.

CHAPTER XXI—Empey again goes "over the top" in a charge which cost his company 17 killed and 31 wounded.

CHAPTER XXII—Trick with a machine gun silences one bothersome Fritz.

CHAPTER XXIII—German attack, preceded by gas wave, is repulsed.

CHAPTER XXIV—Empey is forced to take part in an expedition as a member of the billet guard.

CHAPTER XXV—British prepare for the Big Push—the birth of the Somme.

CHAPTER XXVI—In a trench raid, preceding the Big Push, Empey is desperately wounded and lies unconscious in No Man's Land for 36 hours.

CHAPTER XXVII—After four months in a British hospital Empey is discharged as "physically unfit for further war service."

I have taken a bath and put on brand-new underwear; in fact, a complete change of uniform, and then turned in for the night. The next morning my shirt would be full of them. It is a common sight to see eight or ten soldiers sitting under a tree with their shirts over their knees engaging in a "shirt hunt."

At night about half an hour before "lights out," you can see the Tommies grouped around a candle, trying, in its dim light, to rid their underwear of the vermin. A popular and very quick method is to take your shirt and drawers, and run the seams back and forward in the flame from a candle and burn them out. This practice is dangerous, because you are liable to burn holes in the garments if you are not careful.

Recruits generally send to Blighty for a brand of insect powder advertised as "Good for body lice." The advertisement is quite right; the powder is good for "cooties;" they simply thrive on it.

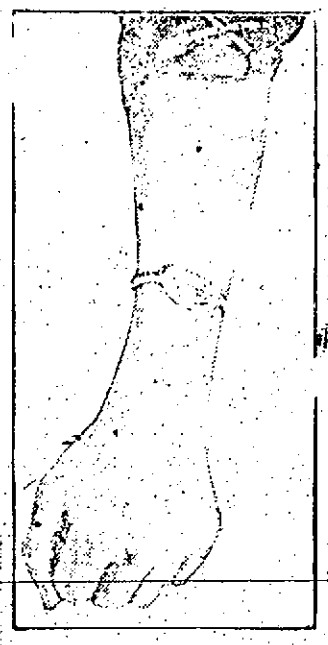
The older men of our battalion were wiser and made scratchers out of wood. These were rubbed smooth with a bit of stone or sand to prevent splinters. They were about eighteen inches long, and Tommy guarantees that a scratcher of this length will reach any part of the body which may be attacked. Some of the fellows were lazy and only made their scratchers twelve inches, but many a night when on guard, looking over the top from the fire step of the front-line trench, they would have given a thousand "quid" for the other six inches.

Once while we were in rest billets an Irish Hussar regiment camped in an open field opposite our billet. After they had picketed and fed their horses, a general shirt hunt took place. The troopers ignored the call "Dinner up," and kept on with their search for big game. They had a curious method of procedure. They hung their shirts over a hedge and beat them with their entrenching tool handles.

I asked one of them why they didn't pick them off by hand, and he answered, "We haven't had a bath for nine weeks or a change of clabber. If I tried to pick the 'cooties' off my shirt, I would be here for duration of war." After taking a close look at his shirt, I agreed with him; it was alive.

The greatest shock a recruit gets when he arrives at his battalion in France is to see the men engaging in a "cootie" hunt. With an air of contempt and disgust he avoids the company of the older men, until a couple of days later, in a torment of itchiness, he also has to resort to a shirt hunt, or spend many a sleepless night of misery. During these hunts there are lots of pertinent remarks bandied back and forth among the explorers, such as, "Say, Bill, I'll swap you two little ones for a big one," or, "I've got a black one here that looks like Kaiser Bill."

One sunny day in the front-line trench, I saw three officers sitting outside of their dugout ("cooties" are no respecters of rank), [illegible] have even noticed a [illegible] stores about a certain [illegible] general), one of them was



The Author's Identification Disk.

"Does the straw bother you, mate? It's worked through my uniform and I can't sleep."

In a sleepy voice he answered, "That ain't straw, them's cooties."

From that time on my friends the "cooties" were constantly with me.

"Cooties," or body lice, are the bane of Tommy's existence.

The aristocracy of the trenches very seldom call them "cooties," they speak of them as fleas.

To an American flea means a small insect armed with a bayonet, who is wont to jab it into you and then hop, skip and jump to the next place to be attacked. There is an advantage in having fleas on you instead of "cooties" in that in one of his extended jumps said flea is liable to land on the fellow next to you; he has the typical energy and push of the American, while the "cootie" has the bulldog tenacity of the Englishman; he holds on and consolidates or digs in until his meal is finished.

There is no way to get rid of them permanently. No matter how often you bathe, and that is not very often, or how many times you change your underwear, your friends the "cooties" are always in evidence. The billets are infested with them, especially so if there is straw on the floor.

Coming towards us was an old grizzled sergeant, properly fed up with the war, so I "awoke" him.

"Think it's going to rain, sergeant?"

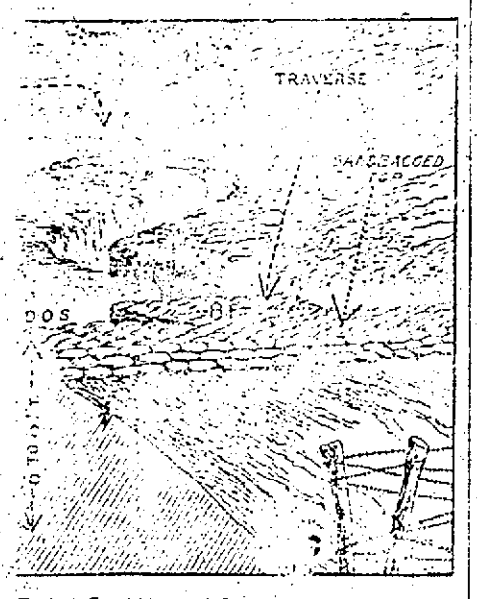
He looked at me in contempt, and grunted, "'Ow's it a-goin' ter rain with the bloomin' sun a-shinin'?" I looked guilty.

"Them's the guns up the line, me lad, and you'll get enough of 'em before you gets back to Blighty."

My knees seemed to wilt, and I squeaked out a weak "Oh!"

Then we started our march up to the line in ten-kilo treks. After the first day's march we arrived at our rest billets. In France they call them rest billets, because while in them Tommy works seven days a week and on the eighth day of the week he is given twenty-four hours "on his own."

Our billet was a spacious affair, a large barn on the left side of the road, which had one hundred entrances, ninety-nine for shells, rats, wind and rain, and the hundredth one for Tommy. I was tired out, and using my shrapnel-proof helmet (shrapnel proof until a piece of shrapnel hits it), or tin hat, for a pillow, lay down in the straw, and was soon fast asleep. I must have slept about two hours, when I awoke with a prickling sensation all over me. As I thought, the straw had worked through my uniform. I woke up the fellow lying on my left, [illegible] been up the line before, and him:



Typical Front-Line and Communication Trenches.

CHAPTER III.

I Go to Church.

Upon enlisting we had identity disks issued to us. These were small disks of red fiber worn around the neck by means of a string. Most of the Tommies also used a little metal disk which they wore around the left wrist by means of a chain. They had previously figured it out that if their heads were blown off, the disk on the left wrist would identify them. If they lost their left arm the disk around the neck would serve the purpose, but if their head and left arm were blown off, no one would care who they were, so it did not matter. On one side of the disk was inscribed your rank, name, number and battalion, while on the other was stamped your religion.

C. of E., meaning Church of England; R. C., Roman Catholic; W., Wesleyan; P., Presbyterian; but if you happened to be an atheist they left it blank, and just handed you a pick and shovel. On my disk was stamped C. of E. This is how I got it: The lieutenant who enlisted me asked my religion. I was not sure of the religion of the British army, so I answered, "Oh, any old thing," and he promptly put down C. of E.

Now, just imagine my hard luck. Out of five religions I was unlucky enough to pick the only one where church parade was compulsory!

The next morning was Sunday. I was sitting in the billet writing home to my sister telling her of my wonderful exploits while under fire—all recruits do this. The sergeant major put his head in the door of the billet and shouted: "C. of E. outside for church parade!"

I kept on writing. Turning to me, in a loud voice, he asked, "Empey, aren't you C. of E.?"

I answered, "Yep."

In an angry tone, he commanded, "Don't you 'yep' me. Say, 'Yes, sergeant major.'"

"I did so. Somewhat mollified, he ordered, "Outside for church parade."

I looked up and answered, "I am not going to church this morning."

He said, "Oh, yes, you are!"

I answered, "Oh, no, I'm not!"—But I went.

We lined up outside with rifles and bayonets, 120 rounds of ammunition, wearing our tin hats, and the march to church began. After marching about five kilos, we turned off the road into an open field. At one end of this field the chaplain was standing in a limber. We formed a semicircle around him. Overhead there was a black speck circling round and round in the sky. This was a German Fokker. The chaplain had a book in his left hand—left eye on the book—right eye on the airplane. We Tommies were lucky, we had no books, so had both eyes on the airplane.

After church parade we were marched back to our billets, and played football all afternoon.

CHAPTER IV.

"Into the Trench."

The next morning the draft was inspected by our general, and we were assigned to different companies. The boys in the brigade had nicknamed this general Old Pepper, and he certainly earned the soubriquet. I was assigned to B company with another American named Stewart.

For the next ten days we "rested," repairing roads for the Frenchies, drilling, and digging bombing trenches.

One morning we were informed that we were going up the line, and our march began.

It took us three days to reach reserve billets, each day's march bringing the sound of the guns nearer and nearer. At night, way off in the distance we could see their flashes, which lighted up the sky with a red glare.

Against the horizon we could see numerous observation balloons or "sausages" as they are called.

On the afternoon of the third day's march I witnessed my first airplane being shelled. A thrill ran through me and I gazed in awe. The airplane was making wide circles in the air, while little puffs of white smoke were bursting all around it. These puffs appeared like tiny balls of cotton while after each burst could be heard a dull "plop." The sergeant of my platoon informed us that it was a German airplane and I wondered how he could tell from such a distance because the plane seemed like a little black speck in the sky. I expressed my doubt as to whether it was English, French or German. With a look of contempt he further informed us that the allied anti-aircraft shells when exploding emitted white smoke while the German shells gave forth black smoke, and, as he expressed it, "It must be an Allemand because our pom-poms are shooting and I know our batteries are not off their bally nappers and are certainly not strafeing our own planes, and another piece of advice—don't chuck your weight about until you've been up the line and learnt something."

I immediately quit "chucking my weight about" from that time on.

Just before reaching reserve billets we were marching along, laughing, and singing one of Tommy's trench ditties:

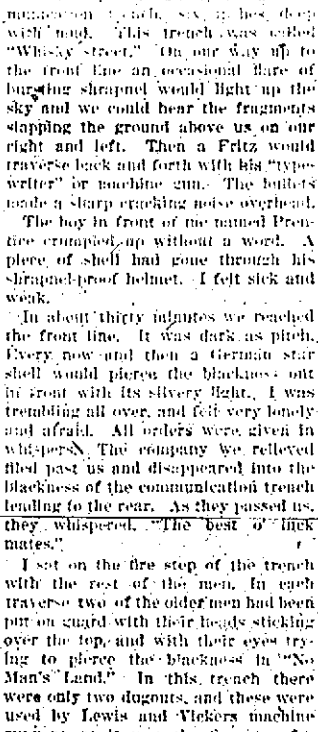
I want to go home, I want to go home.
I don't want to go to the trenches no more
Where sausages and whiss-bangs are galore.
Take me over the sea, Where the Allemand can't get at me,
Oh, my, I don't want to die,
I want to go home—"

when overhead came a "swish" through the air, rapidly followed by three others. Then about two hundred yards to our left in a large field, four columns of black earth and smoke rose into the air, and the ground trembled from the report—the explosion of four German five-nine's, or "coalboxes." A sharp whistle blast, immediately followed by two short ones, rang out from the head of our column. This was to take up "artillery formation." We divided into small squads and went into the fields on the right and left of the road, and crouched on the ground. No other shells followed this salvo. It was our first baptism by shell fire. From the waist up I was all enthusiasm, but from there down, everything was missing. I thought I should die with fright.

After awhile, we reformed into columns of fours, and proceeded on our way.

About five that night, we reached the ruined village of H——, and I got my first sight of the awful destruction caused by German Kultur.

Marching down the main street we came to the heart of the village, and took up quarters in shellproof cellars (shellproof until hit by a shell). Shells



A Bomb Proof.

were constantly whistling over the village and bursting in our rear, searching for our artillery.

These cellars were cold, damp and smelly, and overrun with large rats—[illegible] black [illegible]. Most of the Tommies slept [illegible] their overcoats on, [illegible] not. I [illegible] up in a row. The [illegible] of [illegible] and passed on. [illegible] I immediately started [illegible] my overcoat, but could not [illegible] for the rest of the night.

[illegible] I took my rifle and went [illegible] through a [illegible] passageway [illegible] which led to the front line trenches. This passageway was filled with mud.

The trench was filled with water, in places deep with mud. This trench was called "Whisky Street." On our way up to the front line an occasional flare of bursting shrapnel would light up the sky and we could hear the fragments slapping the ground above us on our right and left. Then a Fritz would traverse back and forth with his "typewriter" or machine gun. The bullets made a sharp cracking noise overhead.

The boy in front of me named Prentice crumpled up without a word. A piece of shell had gone through his shrapnel-proof helmet. I felt sick and weak.

In about thirty minutes we reached the front line. It was dark as pitch. Every now and then a German star shell would pierce the blackness out in front with its silvery light. I was trembling all over, and felt very lonely and afraid. All orders were given in whispers. The company we relieved filed past us and disappeared into the blackness of the communication trench leading to the rear. As they passed us, they whispered, "The best of luck mates."

I sat on the fire step of the trench with the rest of the men. In each traverse two of the older men had been put on guard with their heads sticking over the top, and with their eyes trying to pierce the blackness in "No Man's Land." In this trench there were only two dugouts, and these were used by Lewis and Vickers machine gunners, so it was the fire step for ours. Pretty soon it started to rain. We put on our "macks," but they were not much protection. The rain trickled down our backs, and it was not long before we were wet and cold. How I passed that night I will never know, but without any unusual occurrence, dawn arrived.

The word "stand down" was passed along the line, and the sentries got down off the fire step. Pretty soon the rum issue came along, and it was a Godsend. It warmed our chilled bodies and put new life into us. Then from the communication trenches came dixies or iron pots, filled with steaming tea, which had two wooden stakes through their handles, and were carried by two men. I filled my canteen and drank the hot tea without taking it from my lips. It was not long before I was asleep in the mud on the fire step.

My ambition had been attained! I was in a front-line trench on the western front, and oh, how I wished I were back in Jersey City.

Continued Next Week.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

F. & A. M.—McKean Lodge, No. 368, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at 8:15 p. m. at Masonic hall Main street.

AL. J. HYATT, W. M.
W. F. SPECHT, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F.—Smethport Lodge, No. 289, meets Friday evenings at 8:00 o'clock in I. O. O. F. hall. Will work initiatory degree first meeting of each month; 1st degree on second; 2nd degree on third, and 3rd degree on fourth meetings.

J. A. JOHNSON, N. G.
W. G. HOLDER, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.—Smethport Encampment, No. 273, meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.

J. A. JOHNSON, C. P.
J. A. SWANSON, S.

IDEAL REBEKAH LODGE, No. 83, meets the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month, at 8 o'clock, in the I. O. O. F. hall.

LIZZIE DIGEL, N. G.
RACHEL P. AMSTER, Sec'y.

P. H. C.—Smethport Branch, No. 25, meets on every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. hall.

KATE BENDER, Pres.
ANNA O. STARK, Sec'y.

P. of H.—Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 3:00 p. m., in I. O. O. F. hall HENRY J. RICE, M.
ANNA O. STARK, Sec'y.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, NO. 16, O. E. S.—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings in each month in I. O. O. F. hall. MRS. JENNIE HYATT, W. M.
B. T. GARLICK, W. P.
MISS RITA DENNING, Secy.

CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal Church—J. S. Fleming, pastor. Preaching 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Evening service, 7:30. Mid-week prayer and praise service, Wednesday, 8 p. m.

Episcopal — Rev. W. E. VanDyke, rector. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Additional services at 8 a. m., except on first Sunday of each month. Sunday school at 12:00 m.

All Saints' Memorial Chapel—East Smethport, Rev. W. E. VanDyke, rector. Divine service and Sunday school every Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Baptist Church of Smethport—Rev. W. P. Wheeler, Pastor. Services: 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 11:45.

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church—P. J. Donahue, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m.

Swedish Mission Church—Rev. G. Pihlblad, pastor. Services every other Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On alternate Sundays meeting in the evening only. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

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State Treasurer—Robert K. Young.
Auditor General—A. W. Powell.
Secy. Internal Affairs—Henry Houck.

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[illegible]—Charles H. [illegible]
[illegible]—Frank P. Baldwin,
[illegible]—John A. Fitzgerald, Frank P. [illegible]
[illegible]—C. Darah.

COUNTY.

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[illegible]—Bradford.
[illegible]—B. F. Stanley, Smethport.
Clerk of Courts—Frank R. Foster, Smethport.
County Treasurer — Frank Potter, Kane.
Commissioners—A. M. Marsh, Bradford; O. S. Gahagan, Mt. Jewett; T. [illegible] Flaherty, Bradford.
[illegible] Clerk—A. E. Anderson, Clermont.
[illegible]—Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court—John B. Kaufman, Smethport.
Coroner—E. R. Sherman, Bradford.
[illegible] Commissioners—Wm. H. Morrison, Smethport; W. G. Holder, Smethport.
[illegible] Commissioners' Clerk — H. D. [illegible], Smethport, R. F. D.
[illegible]—R. A. Gregg, Bradford; J. L. [illegible], Smethport.
[illegible]—C. W. [illegible]
[illegible]—County Superintendent—B. S. Taylor, Bradford.
District Attorney—Thos. B. Wilson, Bradford.
[illegible]—Jesse [illegible], Mt. Jewett.
[illegible] of Weights and Measures—S. P. Yard [illegible]
County [illegible]—Harriet [illegible], Smethport.
County [illegible]—Fred Robinson, Bradford.
County Viewers—Henry C. Berkhouse, Kane; C. M. Colegrove, Smethport; Pendry Davis, Kane; Griffin Hatfield, Bradford; Edward Martin, Marvindale; Thos. H. Morrison, Smethport; F. M. Webster, Bradford; F. M. Wright, Eldred.
Farm Bureau Supt.—[illegible] Sinclairman.
State County Home—[illegible] Superintendent—[illegible] Cole, J. A. Lindsey.

Borough.

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Auditors—Fred Musser, E. W. Strong, F. H. Biever.
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Inspectors of Election—George Barbour, Herman [illegible]
Borough Solicitor—S. L. Keenan.

COUNTY NEWS NOTES

ITEMS FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS TELLING NEWS OF THE WEEK

LARABEE

Dr. Victor Humphrey of Port Allegany called one day last week to see Mrs. Carr who fractured her hip two weeks ago.

Mrs. Henry Raszmann is a guest of relatives in Buffalo.

Mr. Dawley was an Olean visitor, Wednesday.

Corwin Knapp of Turtle Point visited Raymond Rice, Friday.

Mrs. F. A. Moore of Coryville was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Eros Carpenter, Saturday.

Fred Barden of Eldred was a business caller in town, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rice spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Crandall, of Hinsdale, N. Y.

F. B. Granteer of Crosby was a guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Raszmann last week.

The Misses Carr and Lewis of Coryville visited friends in town, Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Angelo was an Eldred visitor, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ellison of Olean called in town, Thursday.

Mrs. Mildred Stickles is assisting Mrs. J. L. Raszmann with her house work.

Mrs. John Rice of Stulltown is a guest of her brother, F. C. Crandall, of Hinsdale, N. Y.

Eros Carpenter and James Shield were business visitors in Smethport, Tuesday.

Dr. Huff of Eldred attended Mrs. J. L. Raszmann during her recent illness.

The babe born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Raszmann, February 19th was a boy instead of a girl as reported in last week's news.

F. C. Crandall, station agent, at Hinsdale, N. Y., is seriously ill at his home there. He was Station Agent here for several years and during that time made many friends who hope for his speedy recovery.

Floyd Moore of Eldred called on his Aunt, Mrs. Eros Carpenter, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes and daughter, Josephine, of Sartwell were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones, Saturday.

The water which has been so high on Larabee flats owing to the recent floods, has receded now so that the roads are passable.

FARMERS VALLEY

The Ladies Aid which has been twice postponed Because of high water is announced to meet with Mrs. Geo. Herzog on Thursday.

Mrs. Martha Beckwith has returned from an extended stay in Alfred.

Mrs. J. C. Stull is visiting at the home of her daughters, Mrs. Bert Richmond. Mr. Stull spent Wednesday with them.

Miss Gladys Bray had as guests over Sunday Ethel Moore, a pupil from her school at Coleville.

Miss Ethel Clyne of Roulette has been visiting her sister, Charlotte, at Mrs. A. L. Herzog's.

Harry Patterson of Bradford, Ontario has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Patterson, the past week.

Mr. Rodney Roeder of Atwater, O., and Elmer Roeder of Austin, have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Juliett Roeder.

Miss Rita Roeder is able to attend school after staying at home a week to enjoy Liberty measles.

Mrs. Ruth Conner from Ludlow spent Sunday ywith her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oviatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Oviatt were given first and second degrees at Grange on Saturday evening.

Farm agent Crossman is to speak at an open meeting at Grange on Saturday evening, March 9th.

Mrs. Emma Mosier has been at home this week packing her household goods preparatory to moving into the Hibbard house.

Mr. Young who recently returned from the Olean hospital is slowly improving.

The Ford car owned by G. W. Reed and lost in Olean in September, was located by Mr. Quirk in Scranton. Mr. Reed and Mr. Quirk brought the car home last week and reported it in a fairly good condition.

A spelling contest was held in Smethport, Saturday for pupils of the 7th and 8th grades of Keating and Sergeant township's and Smethport borough. Two pupils of our schools Elva Parker and Margaret Scowden were still standing after the 1000 words Commonly used and all words as outlined for 7th and 8th grade were given. To decide the contest the remaining pupils were given 15 words to write which they had not studied Margaret misspelled the least of these words in the Township and Emily McCoy in the borough.

Mrs. Fred Digel and Mrs. L. Scowden were among those from the Valley who attended.

CORYVILLE

Mrs. E. G. Fairchilds and Mrs. J. A. Sparks were Eldred visitors Saturday

Mr. Arthur Wilson and Mrs. Geo. Moody motored to Bradford Monday.

Dr. Burg Chadwick of Smethport was in town Monday to examine the men who are joining the Modern Woodmen.

Zetto Tyler was in Eldred Friday.

Mrs. Fannie Ireland returned from Pleasantville, N. J., after spending a week with her mother who was very ill but somewhat improved when she left her.

Mrs. Ray Mosier returned from Bradford the latter part of the week after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, who is a patient at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watkins of Silver Creek N. Y. were Sunday guests of the latter's brother, Geo. Parker.

Word was received here o fthe serious condition of Mr. Fred Crandall of Hinsdale, N. Y. He is well known here as he was employed in the depot at Larabee for a number of years and his many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Orson Stull left Monday for Olean, where Mr. Stull was operated on for the removal of tonsils at the hospital.

Mrs. Zetto Tyler entertained the members of the Thimble club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Taylor's condition is no better at this writing. A throat specialist from Olean was called Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed. Champlin of Portville and Mrs. Floyd Nichols of Smethport were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Bartley one day last week.

E. A. Guenter, our post master and merchant has taken over a new line of business—"So they say". We are very thankful that in the future we will not have to suffer from toothache. Just make a call on (Dr.??) E. A. he will tell you all about it.

Mr. Bartley of Walton, Pa., visited his son Nevin over Sunday.

COLEGROVE.

Mrs. R. N. Wilson was an East Smethport visitor Monday.

Stop! Look! Listen! Great discovery! Vaseline a wonderful hair restorer! If you don't believe it ask D. M. or F. K.

What's the matter with Port Allegany, Mt. Jewett and Eldred? According to the statement given in last week's MINER they are way behind on the War Savings question. When Colegrove and Crosby, two little burgs on Potato Creek can put their combined sales up to $2400.00 for March 1st, those other towns with double the population ought to have gone far beyond a thousand for February 1st. We notice Mt. Jewett tagged along at the end with only $750.00. O, get busy Dont be so slow to take up a good investment. Know a good thing when you see it—like we do.

O, you moonlight strolls in Crosby! Fine, arn't they Francis? Too bad the moon doesn't shine every night.

Mrs. G. B. Schryer, of Scranton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lord. Miss Edna Lord has also returned from Scranton, where she has spent the past two months.

Our state roads are beginning to show up in all their beauty. Men have been busy repairing the places where a horse or car would disappear and never be heard of again but the smaller holes which only break a horse's leg or put an auto out of commission are not yet deserving of attention. It comes.

Gus Anderson returned Thursday from Olean, N. Y.

March seems to be unfavorable for Farmers Alliance meetings. None held yet. For the good of the town and the enlightenment of the people don't let the Farmers Alliance disband.

CROSBY

Mr. and Mrs. Jameas Bloomster visited her home in Marvindale Sunday.

Miss Grace Winslow attended the Epworth League convention held in Olean, N. Y. last week.

Fred Bloomster returned to Crosby after spending some time with his parents, at Bloomster Hollow.

Miss Florence Smith spent the week end in Eldred.

Mrs. Alta Kilcore and children and Mrs. Clara Wilcox visited at Mrs. Nettie Marsh Saturday.

Miss Blanche Mellade was an Olean visitor last week.

Mrs. Oley Timmermann went to Smethport last Friday and had dental work done.

The Ladies Aid meets in the Parish house Thursday. All are invited to come and get a good dinner for 35c.

John Kilcoin, wife and children went to Betula Wednesday.

Mrs. Cora Allen was a Crosby visitor Saturday.

There will be a shipment of Red Cross Articles made Thursday.

HUTCHINS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Button were Johnsonburg visitors one day last week

T. Plyler was a Mt. Jewett caller on Tuesday.

Dean Williams of Ridgway spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick has returned home from Clarendon, Pa. where she spent six weeks with relatives.

Miss Lillian Larson spent the day at Mt. Jewett last Tuesday.

Norman McChesney and Charley Grant were business callers in Johnsonburg Saturday evening.

Emil Hartman was a business visitor in Kane Saturday.

Eddie and Elmer Larson were Mt. Jewett caller Friday evening.

Dr. A. A. Vanslyke of Mt. Jewett was in town Thursday.

Frank McChesney of Ridgway was a business visitor in town Saturday.

William Bowers of Glen Hazel was a caller in town Monday.

William Madison and Miss Bernice McChesney were Mt. Jewett callers Saturday evening.

Mr. T. Madison of Bradford was in town Tuesday.

CLERMONT

Elmer Swanson of Bloomster Hollow was in town Monday.

J. F. Keating was a Smethport caller Monday.

J. L. Smith of St. Marys was in town the first of the week.

Mrs. McLaughlin was in Olean Tuesday.

Jim Ross was a Smethport caller on Monday.

Miss Mary Keating spent several days in Buffalo last week.

Mr. Craig of Oil City spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hovis.

Mr. Sam Flickinger was a Smethport caller Monday.

The Red Cross Auxiliary of Clermont have commenced doing knitting for the Red Cross Chapter of Smethport.

Mr. Joe and Frank Nicholas of Kane were visiting friends in town.

Mrs. W. E. Ringrose was a Smethport caller Saturday.

Mr. Paul Searfoss was in Smethport, Saturday.

Mrs Frank Smith returned to her home on Friday morning after spending several months with her relatives in Virginia.

Tony Rizzo of Olean, N. Y., was in town Friday.

My! Smethport is a very popular place for the people of our little city.

Mr. Ostle of Fivemile was in town Saturday.

Miss Daisy Alvi was a Smethport visitor Saturday.

We are to have an addition to our town of three families. Mr. Nichols of Oil City is to bring his family and Mr. McConeghy of Coudersport and Mr. S. from Titusville.

Mr. and Mrs. Grandouski are visiting Mrs. Grandouski's parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson.

Several people of this town attended the spelling contest at Smethport High School Saturday, three of our school children were contestants, Pear Hafner, Leota Hovis and Howard Schleff.

Mrs. Stanley Barrett and daughter Virginia accompanied by Dr. Barrett's niece of Wilcox are spending several days in town as guests of J. F. Keating and family.

TO ALL McKEAN COUNTY DEALERS.

Smethport, Pa., March 6, 1918

Several weeks ago the newspapers of McKean County published a notice to the effect that the Federal Food Administration had issued a ruling that merchants were permitted to charge only 75 cents to 80 cents per 100 pounds gross profit for sugar. This notice was given wide publicity in order that all dealers and the general public would become familiar with the ruling. Notice was also given that, generally speaking, sugar should be retailed for not more than nine cents per pound. Recently I have received several complaints from consumers and from other sources that some dealers have been charging ten cents or more per pound for sugar. In charging more than nine cents per pound for sugar, dealers with possibly rare exceptions, are clearly violating the rules and regulations of the United States Food Administration, regarding the sale of sugar.

So far I have been receiving your co-operation, and I know I have only to call your attention to these matters to receive your assistance to stop any such practice. T. F. Hungiville

Federal Food Administrator for McKean County.

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PORT ALLEGANY

John F. VanSickles, a well-known young woodsman met a sudden death while working in the woods on the Bert Lynch contract with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Co., on upper Kinner Creek Thursday morning. He, with others was engaged in felling trees for logs. It is the story, one tree had lodged in another, and in cutting the second VanSickles was unable to get out of the way and was pinned down by the large limbs which had to be cut away before he could be released. He was dead when taken out; had been killen always; instantly, his left side crushed in by the big limb. He was thirty-three years of age, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. VanSickles. A brother was killed in much the same manner about a year ago, his life crushed out by a falling telephone pole on which he was working for the Bell Telephone Company.

William C. Olmstead, a Liberty township citizen, aged about seventy-six years, was discovered in the Allegheny River, Wednesday afternoon by some men who, after some strenuous work succeeded in getting the body ashore. How the accident happened, is not known, as so far as is now known no one saw him. He is survived by a wife, two daughters Mrs. Chester Simar and Mrs. Lester Simar and one son Zerret. Mr. Olmstead hasn't been in good health for sometime, and may have had a shock. He was a mechanic by occupation and has been a resident of the township for many years.

—C. W. Catlin passed Monday at Smethport on business.

W. E. Mangold was in Smethport Monday on business.

Eugene Squires was a business visitor at Smethport Monday.

Raymond Day of Smethport passed Wednesday in town on business.

Prof. John Entz of Smethport passed Friday and Saturday in town on business.

C. W. Lillibridge, county superintendent of schools, passed Saturday in town to attend the session of local teachers' institute.

Henry Rice of Smethport was in town Monday on business concerning Public Safety committee.

Mrs. John Lyman left Monday for Smethport where she will pass a few days the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith.

ATTENTION.

The gentleman who found the black silk mitten which belongs to Mrs. Caroline Washburn will confer a favor by leaving same at McCarthy's Meat Market. advl

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF McKEAN COUNTY.

No. 48, February Term 1918.

In re petition of Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway Company for Appointment of Viewers to Assess Damages to Lands in Eldred Township, Claimed to be owned by the Estate of Byron Alford, et al.

To Mary Alford, Nora Delphine Muthersbough, Dessie Wilmina Norton, Now Dessie Wilmina Cornell, Estate of C. V. B. Barse and all other parties interested:

Take notice that the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County has approved the bond filed by the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway Company in the above case, and has appointed C. W. Shattuck, Esq., Trustee ad litem, to represent the interest of Nora Delphine Muthersbough et al, and those in remainder, and has appointed C. M. Colegrove, surveyor, T. H. Morrison, attorney, and C. S. King as viewers in said proceeding. You are hereby notified that the said viewers will attend to the duties of their said appointment and will meet upon the premises described in said petition in the Township of Eldred on the 23rd day of March 1918 at ten o'clock a. m. when and where all parties interested may appear and will be heard as directed by the order of said court.

C. M. COLEGROVE,
T. H. MORRISON,
C. S. KING,
Viewers.

F. D. GALLUP,
Solicitor for W. N. Y. & P. Ry. Co.
Smethport Pa.

BUSH HILL

Byron Ostrander and son Emerson have been drawing lime from the acetone factory in East Smethport, and had the misfortune of tipping his load over the bank on top of Bush Hill, due to the ice and snow.

Muggie Smith is visiting her sisters Mrs. Kathryn Manning and Mrs. Jennie Krupp of Perry, N. Y.

C. L. Lorah has made several trips over our roads within the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKiernan were Smethport business visitors Saturday.

A number of people are confined to their home with colds.

A number of Fords have been busy passing on our roads for the past week.

Nellie Smith and Florence VanSickles were Smethport business shoppers Saturday.

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